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**RESPONSE  
to  
Notice of Non-compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121), dated 08/19/2005 (hereafter "NOTICE"). The NOTICE established a 1 month period for response to the non-final AMENDMENT filed 26 July 2005 and received by the Patent Office on 28 July 2005 (hereafter "AMENDMENT"). This RESPONSE is intended to replace the AMENDMENT.

Enclosed with, and as part of, this **RESPONSE** are

**SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS, CLAIM AMENDMENTS, and REMARKS**, all starting on separate pages.

Respectfully submitted,

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